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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Erika Garrett

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 42-47 and 59-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 42-47 and 59-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 42-44 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baer (4,946,180). Baer discloses the use of a child seat (10) comprising a base configured to include a belt path (figure 1) to receive a lapbelt of an automobile restraint system and having a seating surface (30); an armrest (40) connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions (figs.1-2); and wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion that slidably fits into a corresponding receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 43, wherein the receiving portion includes a slot (90,figure 2) for receiving a tab (89b) located on the connecting portion. In regards to claim 44, wherein the receiving portion includes a second slot (located on the other side of the seat) and wherein the first and second slots correspond to the first and second positions of the armrest. In regards to claim 47, further comprising a base configured to include a belt path (figure 1) to receive a lapbelt (5) of an automobile restraint system and having a seating surface (30); an armrest (40) connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second

positions, and wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion (100) that slidably fits over a corresponding receiving portion of the base.

Claims 42-47 and 60-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chen (5,895,095). Chen discloses the use of a child seat (figure 8) comprising a base configured to include a belt path (figure 8) to receive a lapbelt of an automobile restraint system and having a seating surface (figure 8); an armrest (20) connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions (figs.2 and 4-5); and wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion that slidably fits into a corresponding receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 43, wherein the receiving portion includes a slot (13) for receiving a tab (14) located on the connecting portion. In regards to claim 44, wherein the receiving portion includes a second slot (116) and wherein the first and second slots correspond to the first and second positions of the armrest. In regards to claim 45, wherein the tab is attached to a flexible portion of the connecting portion of the armrest thereby allowing the tab to disengage with the slot when the tab is depressed. In regards to claim 46, wherein the connecting portion of the armrest includes a pushbutton (141) that engages one of a plurality of holes in the seat base. In regards to claim 47, further comprising a base configured to include a belt path (figure 8) to receive a lapbelt of an automobile restraint system and having a seating surface (figure 8); an armrest (20) connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions, and wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion that slidably fits over a

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corresponding receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 60, a base (figure 8) including a seating surface; an armrest connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line in a vertical direction, and wherein the armrest includes a tab (13) that fits into a receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 61, a base having a seating surface; an armrest connected to the base on a side of the seating surface (11); wherein the armrest is adjustable in a vertical direction, wherein the armrest is movable over a receiving portion (30) of the base; and wherein the receiving portion of the base includes a flexible tab (14) and protrusions (132). In regards to claim 62, a base having a seating surface; an armrest connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest (20) is adjustable between first and second position; wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion (10) that fits over a corresponding receiving portion (30) of the base; wherein the receiving portion includes a flexible tab (13) and protrusion (132) on the flexible tab; and wherein the connecting portion includes first and second slots to receive the protrusion, the first (116) and second slots (31) corresponding to the first and second positions, respectively. See figures 1-2,5 and 8.

Claims 42-43,45-46, 59 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tornero (5,050,933). Tornero discloses the use of a child seat (11) comprising a base configured to include a belt path (figure 1) to receive a lapbelt of an automobile restraint system and having a seating surface (12); an armrest (16) connected to the base (12) on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions (figs.1-2); and

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wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion that slidably fits into a corresponding receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 43, wherein the receiving portion includes a slot (31) for receiving a tab (30) located on the connecting portion. In regards to claim 45, wherein the tab is attached to a flexible portion of the connecting portion of the armrest thereby allowing the tab (31) to disengage with the slot when the tab is depressed. In regards to claim 46, wherein the connecting portion of the armrest includes a pushbutton (30) that engages one of a plurality of holes (26,27) in the seat base. In regards to claim 59, Tornero further comprises base (14-15) having a seating surface (12); an armrest (16) connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions (figures 1-2); wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion (18) that slidably fits over a corresponding receiving portion (13) of the base; and wherein the armrest includes holes for receiving protrusions from the receiving portion of the base. In regards to claim 62, a base having a seating surface; an armrest connected to the base on a side of the seating surface; wherein the armrest (16) is adjustable along a straight line between first and second positions; wherein the armrest includes a connecting portion (18) that fits over a corresponding receiving portion (13) of the base; wherein the receiving portion includes a flexible tab (30) and protrusion (25) on the flexible tab; and wherein the connecting portion includes first and second slots to receive the protrusion, the first (31) and second slots (27) corresponding to the first and second positions, respectively. See figures 1-5.

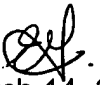
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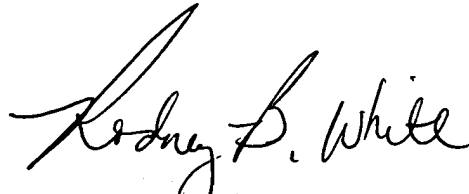
Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 42-47 and 59-62 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erika Garrett whose telephone number is 703-605-0758 or 571-272-6859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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